dancing flames as seen through the isinglass of the parlor coal stove. Warming cold feet on the open oven door in the kitchen and ice melting in the kitchen range reservoir. My father brought home several loads of ice when it was being cut in the river — some he put close to the house to be melted for clothes washing, and some was stored in an ice-house with saw dust between the layers to insulate and keep for summer use; Midsummer church festivals and the Fourth of July celebrations in Sherlock Park, and the basket of chicken-dinner to share with friends; Watching a fire from our upstairs window and learning the next morning that Central School had burned!

LAURENCE SJOLINDER

Laurence Sjolinder was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 21, 1898, the oldest of four children of Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Sjolinder. When Laurence was one year old, his father was called to be pastor of the parish which included Gustavus Adolphus Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church — now Augustana, Grand Forks — Bethesda and Nyskoga Churches north of East Grand Forks. The family lived here until 1906, when Pastor Sjolinder accepted a call to the parish of Tracy, Ivanhoe and Walnut Grove, Minnesota. While they lived here, Laurence attended Wilder Grade School for two years. The family had applied for a Homestead Claim in Western North Dakota. Of course, Pastor could not leave his parish, so Mrs. Sjolinder, her two sons, a sister and two other families went out to take care of their claims — each 80 acres. A sod house was built and a cow and chickens were housed next to the living quarters; one neighbor had horses and he helped the others plow the required number of acres, and to bring supplies from the nearest town. They lived there through one winter, and snow drifts almost covered their home and a lantern was hung on a high pole beside the house to guide any travellers at night. They plowed furrows all around the home as a protection against prairie fires.

The family lived in Tracy until 1919, when they moved to St. Paul so the boys could attend the University of Minnesota. When Laurence finished high school, he worked for the Chicago, Northwestern Railroad for two years until his brother finished high school. They both graduated from the University of Minnesota.

In December 1922, Pastor Sjolinder was called to Grand Forks again, to serve as interim pastor until the fall of 1924. He was retired at that time and served as supply pastor during vacations in churches and also on the Home Mission Board. At this time Laurence and Esther Swenson met and they were married in 1927, and moved into their home on South Fourth Street, East Grand Forks.

He worked for Montgomery Ward and Nash-Finch Wholesale in Grand Forks, and from 1934 until his retirement in 1963 for Sears Roebuck and Company as master plumber.

He was elected to the East Grand Forks Board of Education in 1946, and served as clerk for 12 years, during the first extensive expansion of the school facilities and property — the school cafeteria addition, Valley Elementary and River Heights Elementary, and acquisition of land for a new high school.

He served six years on the Augustana Lutheran Church Council during their new church building program. He was a member of Red River Lodge #292 A F and A M, serving as Worshipful Master for two years, and serving the Red River Chapter #226 Order of Eastern Star as Worthy Patron for three years. He suffered a minor stroke in 1964, the year after his retirement, and on December 25, 1967 had a massive stroke which caused his death in January 1968. He was a student of literature and history — ancient, modern and church history. Bookworms was his hobby. He also loved music, and for a time sang with the Northwest Singers.

Laurence and Esther have one son, Edward, who graduated as valedictorian of the 1945 class of East Grand Forks High School; he graduated from the University of North Dakota as an electrical engineer. He served in the United States Army in 1946, and again the 1952-53 in Korea. He worked for General Motors in field service and also on the Apollo Guidance system; he is now plant manager of Iowa Electric Motors and Equipment in Mason City, Iowa. He married LuAnn Manecke of Bemidji in 1955, and they have three children, a son and two daughters.

A beautiful and important part of the family history is that Laurence's father, Pastor L. E. Sjolinder, performed the marriage ceremony of John and Emma Swenson in 1901, and baptized their daughter Esther. He also married Laurence and Edward Sjolinder, and baptized their son, Edward. He also officiated at the marriage of another son, Julius, and Alice Swenson, and for his other son and daughter in St. Paul, Minnesota.

LINUS K. SORENSON

I. Linus K. Sorensen, is a son of Knute O. Sorensen and Dora Jeffery Sorensen Humble. I was born at Mallory, Minnesota and educated in Mallory and East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

I married Orvilia Dokken in 1941, at Fisher, Minnesota. I spent three and a half years in the Service, with the Tenth Armored Division: one and a half years were spent overseas. I have four children: Kenneth in Seattle, Washington, married Randall Kennon of Seattle, and has a daughter, Donna; Bonnie, teaches at Crosby, Minnesota; Patricia, who married Charles E. Cleveland and lives in Durham, New Hampshire; Candace, who married Jeffrey C. Graves and lives in Grafton, Illinois.

I had a brother, Orville D. Sorensen, who lost his life on Okinawa, April 25, 1945. A sister, Bernice (Mrs. J. Odell Danielson) lives in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

EDWARD AND BERTHA RUTH STINAR

Edward, the youngest son of Andrew and Mary Stinar, was born in Tabor township, Polk county, January 5, 1912. Bertha Ruth Ferencik, the youngest daughter of George and Mary Ferencik, was born September 28, 1919 in Farley township, Polk county. After a two-year courtship, they were married in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, April 11, 1942, by Pastor Aner O. Bloom, and since then have resided in East Grand Forks. They own their home at 327 South 4th Street.

Edward has been employed by the Leo Dunlevy Inc. since September 30, 1941 as a truck driver. Bertha Ruth is employed by the Valley Dairy Corporation, being with the firm since August 1971. She is also representative for the Royal Neighbors of America Fraternal Life Insurance. She serves the Angus, Euclid, Oslo and East Grand Forks Camps.

Edward and Bertha Ruth are members of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where both are very active. Edward is head usher and Bertha Ruth is serving as a member of the church council. She is also a Past Augustana Lutheran Church Women President.

They have three sons who have graduated from the East Grand Forks High School. Dale Edward, the oldest, born February 28, 1945, was married to Linda Eikenes February 27, 1965. They have two children — Lisa, age 10 and Robert, age 6. They live in Crookston and both teach in the Crookston school system. They received their degrees in education from the University of North Dakota. Dale has a master's degree in counselling and education, and Linda teaches special education classes.

Daniel Raye, born July 18, 1949, was married to Carla Jean Kaufman May 6, 1972. Daniel served in the Marine Corps from 1968 until 1970. He also attended the Area Vocational Technical Institute in East Grand Forks and received his certificate in welding and is employed by Concrete Inc. Carla attended the University of North Dakota where she is employed. They live at 2511 Estabrook Drive, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Deane Rodney, born September 12, 1954, was married to Colleen O'Leary August 9, 1973. They live at 33 Amherst, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Both are students at the University of North Dakota. Deane is a senior and majoring in business. Colleen is a junior, majoring in education.

Edward and Bertha Ruth attended a one-room country school in West Farley — three and a half miles north of Tabor, Minnesota. Edward lived one and one-fourth miles south from the school and Bertha Ruth lived one and one half north. They